institutional connectivity between the States and central intelligence agencies, an appropriate mechanism has been proposed. Some additional posts and funds have been sanctioned by the Government for this purpose.

Vacancies in CRPF and BSF

1366. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in Central Reserve Police Force and Border Security Force;

(b) whether any action has been taken to fill up vacant posts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The details of direct recruitment vacancies in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Border Security Force (BSF) are as under:

	CRPF	BSF
Group 'A'	608	332
Group 'B'	21066	2424
Group 'C'	916	703

There are other vacancies in deputation and promotion quotas which are filled through normal procedure of holding DPCs and Selection Committee meetings.

(b) and (c) Union Public Service Commission and Staff Selection Commission are making recruitment for the posts of Assistant Commandant (GD) and Sub-Inspector (GD) respectively. Recruitment process for the remaining categories of posts have been undertaken by these Forces.

Pending Cases of Freedom Fighters' Pension

1367. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases pertaining to pension payments to Freedom Fighters are pending with Government;

(b) if so, how many such cases are pending, State-wise and what steps are being taken to clear these cases; and

(c) whether some officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs have been caught red-handed by the CBI for accepting bribe in clearing Freedom Fighters' Pension cases, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No Sir. No case complete in all respects eligible for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension, duly verified and recommended by the State Governments is pending in the Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On a specific complaint passed on to CBI by MHA that two staff members of Freedom Fighters Division of MHA had demanded bribe for clearing a pension case of a freedom fighter, CBI had laid a trap to nab them red-handed. One of them, Shri Harbhajan Dass, Assistant, was caught red-handed on 25.07.2003. A case has been registered against the officials under the relevant provisions of the IPC/Prevention of Corruption Act.

Police Station Administered by women

† 1368. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where Police Station administered by women have been set up in the country alongwith the number thereof;

(b) whether due to setting up of such women Police Stations, decrease in the women-related crimes have been registered; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT) : (a) As per available information, State-wise number of police stations administered by women are indicated in the Statement. (*See* below)

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.